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PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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PART II: Information Cited

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PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

English language abstracts are provided for DE 27 17 772 B1, DE 37 39 080 A1 and DE 694 23 750 T2. GB 2 080 406 is an English language equivalent of DE 30 26 379 A1 and GB 2 231 548 is an English language equivalent of DE 39 08 682 A1.



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PART IV: Remarks

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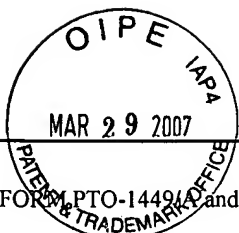
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	2	DE	30 26 379	A1	Sachtler GmbH Filmtechnische Geräte	02-04-1982	Equiv.
	3	DE	37 39 080	A1	Stemme, Otto	05-11-1989	Abstr.
	4	DE	39 08 682	A1	Sachtler AG – Kommunikationstechnik	10-04-1990	Equiv.
	5	DE	694 23 750	T2	Heiwa Seiki Kogyo Co., Ltd.	02-14-1996	Abstr.
	6	GB	2 080 406	A	Sachtler GmbH Filmtechnische Geräte	02-03-1982	
	7	GB	2 231 548	A	Sachtler AG – Kommunikationstechnik	11-21-1990	

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